



School counseling programs are collaborative efforts benefiting students, parents, teachers, administrators and the overall community. School counseling programs should be an integral part of students' daily educational environment, and school counselors should be partners in student achievement. ASCA

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Announcements

Resources and information provided in the Counselors Digest are for communication purposes only. Listing these resources and information does not constitute endorsement by either the School Counseling Services Section or the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Lore'e and I would like to **WELCOME** our new Assistant Director of School Counseling, Chrissy Bashore. Chrissy joined our section three days ago and has been working diligently to help get school counselors off to a great start this school year. Chrissy organized this Digest and will be sending you monthly Counselor Digests in the future. Please email her if you have anything that needs to be disseminated to Missouri school counselors.

WELCOME CHRISSY !!!

PLEASE NOTE that future Listserv information will be titled **School Counselor Listserv** and not **Guidance Listserv**.

Bring on 2016-2017!

Welcome back! We hope that you are getting settled and are off to a great start! Whether you are new to the profession of school counseling or a veteran professional, please know that your staff at DESE is always willing to help if you have any questions or concerns. We believe through collaboration and constant support, we can continue to enhance our programs to better serve each other and our students! In addition, please be sure to visit our website at <http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/school-counseling>.

School Counseling Tools and Resources

Don't feel alone! We are here to help! You live to serve and have chosen a profession in which helping others is your passion, in return, let us help you! Be sure to check out the DESE [Administrator School Counseling Tools and Resources](#) page as well as the [Resources and Links](#) page.

DESE/MSCA Mentoring Program

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and MSCA have partnered to offer a statewide mentoring program for school counselors that are new to the profession and those that have been out of the profession for an extended amount of time. Based on three major goals: professional development (encouraging skill, collaboration and reflection), becoming familiar with responsibilities and administrative culture, and to offer support to new and returning counselors in their work with their students, we encourage all new counselors and returning counselors to engage in this vital program. If you would like to participate or need additional information contact Dr. Jan Ward at jward@semo.edu.

Dr. Rene' Yoesel at rene.yoesel@dese.mo.gov is the DESE contact.

Get to Know Your CCC's

What is a CCC? Who are they and what can they do for you? College and Career Consultants support the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education goal that all students graduate from high school, college and career ready! They are organized regionally and provide services to nine designated regions throughout the state. With a scope of work that ranges from professional development to career planning and decision making, be sure to [contact your region CCC!](#)

Missouri Connections

Missouri Connections is a program funded by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Division of Workforce Development, in which provides an online, comprehensive career development and planning program. Missouri Connections is designed for students, parents/guardians, adults and educators to help promote lifelong learning and career development efforts

Visit <https://mocis.intocareers.org/materials/portal/home.html> for more information.

Support: Contact Jackie Coleman at 573.634.0043 jcoleman@motrainer.com

Curriculum

School Counseling Curriculum

DESE [School Counseling Curriculum](#) provides comprehensive unit and lesson plans that address K-12 School Counseling GLEs, including Supplemental Lesson Plans (the original Box) and Gender Equity Lessons.

504 Resources

Find listed below resources regarding the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in regards to school counselors and 504's:

Section 504 information:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/504faq.html>

The State Department in Minnesota has put together some great resources on 504s:

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/504/>

Parent geared resources:

<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/section504/#elig>

Missouri Connections: UPCOMING! New Career Trek Elementary Version

Career Trek is getting ready to launch its new interactive age-appropriate career information system designed for use with students in 3, 4, and 5 grades! Students will be able to explore different occupations, learn and engage in activities of their specific interests and explore skills for their future goals. Information to be released soon.

Professional Development and Upcoming Conferences

MSCA and MoACTE: Your Professional Organizations!

Be sure to join your professional organizations! MSCA and MoACTE are your voice and advocate for school counselors at both the state and national levels. Help support YOUR profession by joining today! Together we can make a difference!

<http://moschoolcounselor.org/membership/why-be-a-member/>

<http://www.mo-acte.org/>

September - October 2016

Missouri Connections Fall Workshops

Dates, Times and Locations Vary (*Click on link below*)

Overview: “Explore the Possibilities...” with Missouri Connections in a FREE OF CHARGE workshop that will help you maximize use of the Site Administration Tools and Portfolio Components to deepen the usage. For additional information, please visit:

<https://mocis.intocareers.org/materials/fallworkshops.htm>

September – October 2016

2016 Regional Meetings on Education

Dates, Times and Locations Vary (*Click on link below*)

Overview: Engage in conversation about what you think matters most in Missouri public education. Encourage administrators, principals, teachers, parents, students, business leaders and community members to attend. For additional information, please visit:

<https://dese.mo.gov/quality-schools/2016-regional-meetings>

September 22-23, 2016

Missouri Association For Career Services (MACS) Fall Conference

Courtyard Marriott, Columbia, MO

Overview: Join your professional organization members for discussion for DESE, A+, and Accuplacer Updates, an Employer Panel, CTE Roundtables and more! Registration is due by September 15th to Stacie Wild at swild@sfccmo.edu.

October 18, 2016

Community Service Summit

8:00 am – 2:10 pm

Calvary Church, St. Peters, MO

Overview: The Community Service Summit is a day-long series of workshops designed to build a stronger community through professional connections and education about issues.

For more information and registration visit <http://bit.do/CSS2016> or (636) 978-2277 ext. 405

October 28-29, 2016

PLTW State Conference

Timberland High School, Wentzville, MO

Overview: Project Lead The Way (PLTW) continues to rapidly expand! Missouri is the third largest usage state in the country, following only California and Texas! School counseling and career development is a major component of this program. Make plans with your school team to attend the state conference! For more information visit <http://pltw.mst.edu/stateconference/>

November 6-8, 2016

Missouri School Counselor Association: We Got the Beat!

Tan – Tar- A Resort, Osage Beach, MO

Overview: Have you found your “beat”? Come join your peers from across the state to engage in professional workshops, team building and networking activities to help build, enhance or find your “beat”. The MSCA provides an outstanding professional development fall conference for Missouri School Counselors and Counselors in Training (CIT).

<https://moschoolcounselor.site-ym.com/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=790687&group=>

November 14-16, 2016

ACT Substance Abuse Prevention Conference

Lodge of 4 Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO

Overview: “Your Actions Matter: Prevention is EVERYONE’s Business”. Join constituents across the state and participate in breakouts and network as you learn about new and upcoming resources and technology to help in the fight against substance abuse. For more information visit: <https://www.actmissouri.org/events/annual-events/prevention-conference/>

Recognition and Student Opportunities

You do amazing things each and every day! Let us recognize you or a colleague for the outstanding work you are doing. See below some great opportunities for recognition.

The Gysbers Success Designation Award: The Gysbers Award is intended to recognize schools in the State of Missouri that demonstrate a commitment to the full implementation of the Missouri Comprehensive School Counseling Program (MCSCP), where school counselors strive to provide direct service to students in the areas of-school counseling curriculum, Individual Student Planning, Responsive Services and system support. The services provided result in positive student outcomes that address the academic, career, and social/emotional development of all students served. [Applications and materials](#) must be submitted by **September 10, 2016** to the DESE Director of School Counseling, Dr. Rene' Yoesel at Rene.Yoesel@dese.mo.gov.

MSCA Awards: We all have that colleague that is our “go to” or our “support system”. Why not recognize them to show your appreciation. [Click here](#) to find a list of professional recognition awards through MSCA. All applications are due July 1. Go ahead and start thinking about someone you would like to nominate.

The Dairy Scholars Program: What a great opportunity for your students! The Missouri Agriculture and Small Business Development Authority are offering up to 80 scholarships of \$5000 each to students pursuing a two or four year agriculture degree. For more information regarding deadlines, eligibility and internship components, please visit <http://agriculture.mo.gov/abd/financial/dairyscholars.php> or contact MASBDA at masbda@mda.mo.gov.

Legislation –**ACTION REQUIRED!**

Effective August 28, 2016, HB 2428 approved to change the term “guidance counselor” to “school counselor” in the laws relating to education.

NOTE: Be sure to update all documentation, email signatures, voicemails, literature, etc. to follow the current HB. See bill information in the link below.

<http://house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB2428&year=2016&code=R>

Responsive Services

Mandated Reporter

Missouri's Mandated Reporter requirements state that "All mandatory reporters shall, upon finding reasonable cause, directly and immediately report suspected child abuse or neglect." (Section 162.069.3 RSMo.) (Section 210.115 RSMo.) <http://missourikidsfirst.org/>

Resource Numbers

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Missouri School Violence Hotline

1-866-748-7047 <https://www.schoolviolencehotline.com/>

Missouri Child Abuse or Neglect Hotline

1-800-392-3738 <http://dss.mo.gov/cd/can.htm>

Final Thoughts

Thank you for all that you do!

*Be sure to
get to know
your school
counselor.*

*They are
your biggest
advocate*



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